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SUBJECT: MAJOR AGRI- INDUSTRIAL VROJECT AT DUJAILA IN

IRAQ: SEED ASPECT

REF: (A) BELGRADE 4679, (B) BAGHDAD 979

1. IN ADDITION TO RECURIVRING OPPORTUNITIES UNCOVERED BY ASTA
TEAM IN RECENT VISIT TO IRAQ AND OTHER COUNTRIES IN AREA,
DOLS 340 MILLION PHASE ONE OF MAMMOTH (ESTIMATED DOLS 3.2
BILLION) DUJAILA INTEGRATED FOOD PRODUCING, PROCESING, DIS-
TRIBUTING PROJECT ALSO OFFERS ATTRACTIVE MARKET FOR AMERICAN
GRASS AND GRAIN SEEDS. PROJECT WAS RECENTLY AWARDED ON TURNKEY
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BASIS TO

THE AGRICULTURAL COMBINE BELGRADE (PKB)
11213 PAD. SKALA
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BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA
(NOTE ORGANIZATION IS USUALLY KNOWN AS PKB FOR SHORT).

2. DURING RECENT VISIT TO BELGRADE, USINT COMMERCIAL ATTACHE PATRICK KILOUGH AND LOCAL EMPLOYEE OF AMEMBASSY BELGRADE VISITED 100,000 HECTARE PKB OPERATION. ENGINEER VLADETA CIRIC, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PKB, SAID HE WOULD WELCOME OFFERS OF SEED AND ADVICE FROM INTERESTED US FIRMS ON GRASSES AND GRAINS TO BE GROWN ON PHASE ONE (20,000) HECTARE) DUJAILA COMPLEX IN IRAQ- WHICH WILL BE MODELED AFTER PKB. PHASE ONE ENTAILS DESALTING, LAND PREPARATION AND PLANTING OF FEED CROPS NEEDED FOR FOUR FARMS TO BE BUILT: DAIRY, BEEF, WOOL AND MUTTON. IF FULLY IMPLEMENTED 10-15 YEARS AND THREE MORE PHASES HENCE, PROJECT WILL COVER 85,000 HECTARES IN SELF-CONTAINED OPERATION DESIGNED TO FEED BAGHDAD AND OTHER MAJOR CITIES OF IRAQ. IF SUCCESSFUL, DUJAILA WILL PROBABLY BECOME MAIN MODEL FOR GOVERNMENT-OWNED, CAPITAL INTENSIVE, INTEGRATED FOOD OPERATIONS IN IRAQ.

3. ACTION SUGGESTED: THOUGH PKB AND COOPERATING YUGOSLAV FIRMS ARE NOW CONCENTRATING ON DESALTING AND LAND PREPARATION ASPECTS OF DUJAILA PHASE ONE, IT IS NOT TOO EARLY FOR ASTA, BARZEN AND OTHER US FIRMS INTERESTED IN SELLING SEEDS TO IRAQ TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES TO MR. CIRIC. DUJAILA WILL REPRESENT PKB'S FIRST VENTURE IN IRAQ AND COMPANY IS OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS ON PROCUREMENT OF MATERIALS AND TECHNOLOGY CONCERNING FODDER, GRAINS, GRASSES AND DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS SUITED TO NEEDS OF IRAQ. WE ALSO RECOMMEND US FIRMS RESPONDING TO THIS OPPORTUNITY INFO AMEMBASSY BELGRADE (TELEX 11529 AMEMBA) AND USINT BAGHDAD (TELEX 2287 USINT IK) SO THAT WE CAN BE OF FURTHER ASSISTANCE. BOTH POSTS WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ADVANCE NOTICE IF ANY US FIRMS PLAN VISIT BAGHDAD OR BELGRADE IN CONNECTION WITH DUJAILA PROJECT.

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